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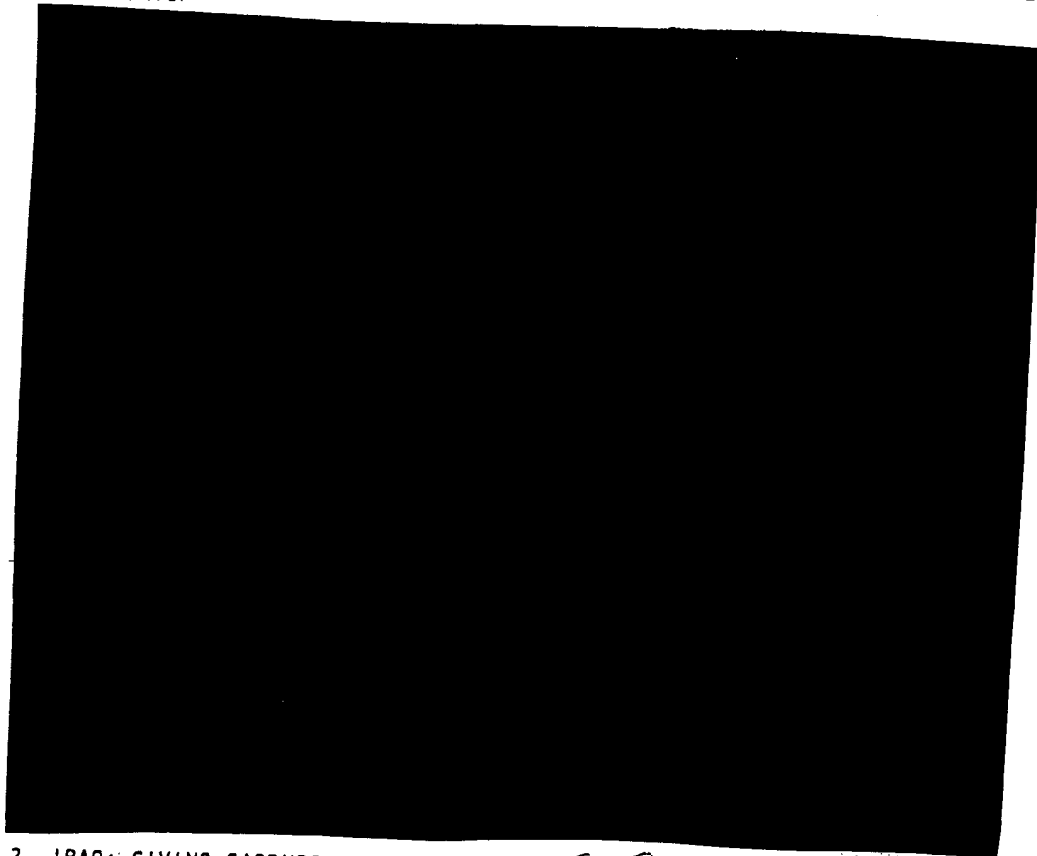
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2. IRAQ: GIVING SADRUDDIN THE RUNAROUND

BAGHDAD'S COOL RECEPTION THIS WEEK OF UN EXECUTIVE DELEGATE SADRUDDIN AGHA KHAN IS A FURTHER INDICATION THAT IT WILL NOT ALLOW UN HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS INSIDE IRAQ TO CONTINUE INTO NEXT YEAR.

SADRUDDIN DID MEET YESTERDAY WITH FOREIGN MINISTER HUSAYN, WHO MERELY REPEATED THE REGIME'S CHARGE THAT UN RESOLUTIONS AND SANCTIONS ARE GROSS VIOLATIONS OF IRAQ'S SOVEREIGNTY.

SADDAM PROBABLY WILL NOT EXTEND UN RELIEF EFFORTS OR ACCEPT UN OIL-FOR-FOOD RESOLUTIONS UNLESS HE GETS MORE CONTROL OVER OIL REVENUES AND DISTRIBUTION, AND THUS ENHANCED ABILITY TO DIVERT SUPPLIES TO HIS STRONGEST SUPPORTERS. HE ALMOST CERTAINLY BELIEVES ENDING UN HUMANITARIAN OPERATIONS WILL STRENGTHEN HIS HOLD ON THE COUNTRY BY RIDDING IT OF FOREIGN RELIEF WORKERS AND UN GUARDS. HE ALSO BELIEVES THE MOVE WOULD FORCE KURDISH REBELS TO YIELD TO HIS DEMANDS.

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3. TURKEY: NEW GOVERNMENT LINEUP [REDACTED] b3

TURKISH PRIME MINISTER-DESIGNATE DEMIREL ANNOUNCED HIS NEW CABINET YESTERDAY AFTER LENGTHY NEGOTIATIONS WITH HIS COALITION PARTNER, THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S PARTY (SHP). DEMIREL'S CORRECT WAY PARTY (DYP) KEPT THE DEFENSE, INTERIOR, AND FINANCE MINISTRIES, AND THE MINISTRY OF STATE FOR ECONOMIC POLICY. THE SHP GOT THE FOREIGN, JUSTICE, LABOR, AND INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE MINISTRIES AND THE DEPUTY PRIME-MINISTERSHIP. [REDACTED] b3

b3 [REDACTED] DEMIREL'S DIVISION OF THE TOP ECONOMIC AND SECURITY POSITIONS BETWEEN THE TWO IDEOLOGICALLY DIVERGENT PARTIES ALMOST CERTAINLY WILL MAKE IT DIFFICULT TO DEVELOP CONSISTENT POLICIES. THE INTERIOR MINISTRY'S CRACKDOWN ON THE KURDISH INSURGENCY AND LEFTIST DEV SOL TERRORISM, FOR INSTANCE, IS LIKELY TO BE AT ODDS WITH THE JUSTICE MINISTRY'S ATTEMPTS TO IMPROVE TURKEY'S HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD. ECONOMIC POLICIES TO COMBAT TURKEY'S HIGH INFLATION AND TO CARRY OUT PRIVATIZATION EFFORTS WILL ALSO SUFFER. [REDACTED] b3

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--HIZBALLAH LEADER YESTERDAY SAID WESTERN HOSTAGE ISSUE COMPLETELY SEPARATE FROM ISRAELI-HELD LEBANESE SHIAS . . . REVERSES LONG-HELD POSITION . . . SAID ISRAELI ARMY OF SOUTH LEBANON POWS COULD BE EXCHANGED FOR SHIAS.

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--EC HAS RELEASED PREVIOUSLY APPROVED \$61 MILLION OF DEVELOPMENT AID TO PALESTINIANS IN ISRAELI-OCCUPIED TERRITORIES . . . COMPENSATING FOR PERSIAN GULF WAR ECONOMIC LOSSES, REWARDING ROLE IN CURRENT PEACE PROCESS . . . BRUSSELS-BASED EC OFFICIAL WILL ADMINISTER.

AFRICA

--FORCES OF SOMALI COUP LEADER GENERAL AIDEED, PRESIDENT ALI MAHDI CONTINUE HEAVY FIGHTING IN MOGADISHU . . . AIDEED'S TROOPS RANSACKED ITALIAN EMBASSY, STAFF SAFELY EVACUATED.

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